

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE CAPACITORS ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

Master File No. 3:14-cv-03264-JD

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
ALL DIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENTS WITH DEFENDANTS
FUJITSU LIMITED, NEC TOKIN,
NITSUKO, THE OKAYA DEFENDANTS,
AND ROHM**

Date: March 2, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Judge: The Honorable Judge Donato
Courtroom: 11, 19th Floor

On January 31, 2017, Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs (“Plaintiffs”) filed a Motion for Final Approval of Proposed Settlements with Defendants Fujitsu Limited, NEC TOKIN Corporation and NEC TOKIN America, Inc. (“NEC TOKIN”), Nitsuko Electronics Corporation (“Nitsuko”), Okaya Electric Industries Co., Ltd. and Okaya Electric America, Inc. (“Okaya Defendants”), and ROHM Co., Ltd. and ROHM Semiconductor U.S.A., LLC (“ROHM”) (collectively, the “Settling Defendants”) [ECF No. 1461]. The Court, having reviewed the motion and affidavits in support thereof, the settlement agreements with Settling Defendants (“Settlement Agreements” or the “Settlements”), the pleadings and other papers on file in this action, and the arguments of counsel and the parties at the hearing held on March 2, 2017, hereby finds that final approval of the Settlements should be GRANTED.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

2 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over all parties to
3 the Settlement Agreements, including all members of the Settlement Class.

4 2. For purposes of this Order, except as otherwise set forth herein, the Court adopts and
5 incorporates the definitions contained in the Settlement Agreements [ECF Nos. 1461-2 – 1461-6].

6 3. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g), the Court appoints the Joseph Saveri Law Firm as
7 counsel for the Settlement Class. This firm has and will fairly and competently represent the
8 interests of the Settlement Class.

9 4. By Order dated January 27, 2017 [ECF No. 1455], the Court provisionally certified for
10 settlement a Settlement Class defined as follows:

11 All persons in the United States that purchased Capacitors (including through
12 controlled subsidiaries, agents, affiliates or joint-ventures) directly from any of the
13 Defendants, their subsidiaries, agents, affiliates or joint ventures from January 1,
14 2002 through July 22, 2015. Excluded from the settlement class are Defendants (and
their subsidiaries, agents or affiliates), any co-conspirator, all governmental entities
and the judges and chambers staff in this case assigned to hear any aspect of this
action, and each member of the class action who timely requested exclusion.

15 5. The persons/entities identified in the “Summary of Entities Requesting Exclusion”
16 [ECF No. 1498-3], filed on February 21, 2017, have validly requested exclusion from the Settlement
17 Class and, therefore, are excluded, except that Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd. requested to be
18 excluded only with respect to the settlement relating to NEC TOKIN. Such persons/entities, and
19 only such persons/entities, are not included in or bound by this Order with respect to the Settling
20 Defendants from whose settlements they have requested exclusion. Such persons/entities are not
21 entitled to any recovery of the settlement proceeds obtained through the Settlement Agreements
22 with respect to the Settling Defendants from whose settlements they have requested exclusion.

23 6. The Settlement Class definition as set forth above and as used in this Order is for
24 settlement purposes only. It has no binding effect on the Court, Plaintiffs, or on the indirect-
25 purchaser plaintiffs for any other purpose, including but not limited to the filing or resolution of any
26 motion(s) for class certification pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23.

27 7. The Court further finds that the prerequisites to a class action under Rule 23 are
28 satisfied for settlement purposes in that: (a) there are hundreds of geographically dispersed class

1 members, making joinder of all members impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact
2 common to the class which predominate over individual issues; (c) the claims or defenses of the class
3 plaintiffs are typical of the claims or defenses of the class; (d) the plaintiffs will fairly and adequately
4 protect the interests of the class, and have retained counsel experienced in antitrust class action
5 litigation who have, and will continue to, adequately represent the class; and (e) a class action is
6 superior to individual actions.

7 8. The Court hereby finally approves and confirms the settlements set forth in the
8 Settlement Agreements and finds that said settlements are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and
9 adequate to the Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10 9. This Court hereby dismisses on the merits and with prejudice the Action in favor of
11 Settling Defendants, with all parties to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.

12 10. Settling Defendants are hereby and forever released and discharged with respect to
13 the Released Claims as defined in the Settlement Agreements [ECF Nos. 1461-2 – 1461-6].

14 11. The notice given to the members of the Settlement Class was the best notice
15 practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members of the Settlement
16 Class who could be identified through reasonable efforts. Said notice met the requirements of due
17 process and provided due and adequate notice of those proceedings and of the matters set forth
18 therein, including the proposed settlements set forth in the Settlement Agreements, to all persons
19 entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e)(1)
20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.

21 12. The plan of allocation described in Plaintiffs' Motion is, in all respects, fair, adequate,
22 and reasonable. Accordingly, the Court hereby grants final approval of the plan of allocation.

23 13. Without affecting the finality of the Judgments in any way, this Court hereby retains
24 continuing jurisdiction over: (a) the Settlements and Settlement Agreements, including all future
25 proceedings concerning the administration, interpretation, consummation, and enforcement of the
26 Settlement Agreements; (b) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) hearing and determining
27 applications by Plaintiffs' counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, interest, and incentive awards;
28 (d) hearing and ruling on any matters relating to the plan of allocation of settlement proceeds; and

1 (e) all parties to the Action and Releasors for the purpose of enforcing and administering the
2 Settlement Agreements and the mutual releases and other documents contemplated by, or executed
3 in connection with the Settlement Agreements, except that, as provided in paragraph 22 of the
4 plaintiffs' Settlement Agreement with NEC TOKIN, all disputes regarding the extent of NEC
5 TOKIN's cooperation obligations or its performance of those obligations shall be submitted to the
6 Hon. Layn R. Phillips (ret.) for resolution.

7 14. In the event that a party exercises a right to terminate a Settlement Agreement as
8 provided by the terms of that Settlement Agreement, then the Judgment entered as to that
9 Defendant shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered
10 and releases delivered in connection herewith as to that Defendant shall be null and void and the
11 parties shall be returned to their respective positions *ex ante*.

12 15. The Court finds, pursuant to Rules 54(a) and (b) of the Federal Rules of Civil
13 Procedure, that Final Judgments of Dismissal with prejudice as to Settling Defendants
14 ("Judgments") should be entered and further finds that there is no just reason for delay in the entry
15 of the Judgments, as Final Judgments, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreements.

16 Accordingly, the Court directs the Clerk to enter Judgment forthwith for Settling
17 Defendants.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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23 HON. JAMES DONATO
24 United States District Judge
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